

# The Leadership Forum

## From the Editors

**B**y now, our nation will have elected its next president, and we are certain that many of you have been thinking about effective leadership. What will the next four years bring, and what will be the role of GIM? We are pleased to bring you some opinions about the importance of leadership, whatever the future may hold. Our "Leaders in Action" series continues with Neda's interview with Andy Bindman, the director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and

Quality. Andy brings us encouraging news about the future of GIM and the importance of ACLGIM's role. In advance of the ACLGIM Summit, keynote speaker Dr. Cathy Lazarus highlights opportunities for internal medicine leaders to advance the educational mission. Finally, Dr. David Nash presents an intriguing perspective on healthcare quality, safety programs, and the importance of leadership engagement on these issues.

We hope that you enjoy this issue of the *Leadership Forum*, and welcome your responses. Neda and I would also like to wish you a happy holiday season, and look forward to sharing news from the ACLGIM Summit in December in our next issue.

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